Education to Children of Terrorist Victims

4815. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU) : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under the consideration of Government to provide necessary education to the children of terrorist victims of Jammu and Kashmir State and other States;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) the budget allocation for this project; and

(d) by when the proposal is likely to be functional?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES) : (a) Yes, Sir, for the State of Jammu and Kashmir only.

(b) The proposal envisages educating 100 children of terrorist victims in different Army Public Schools.

(c) Army is meeting the expense of educating the children out of its own regimental fund. There is no separate budgetary provision from the Central Government for the same.

(d) Depending on the response, the proposal is likely to become functional with effect from 2004.

Purchase of AJTs

4816. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the authorities returned over Rs. 7000 crores recently since it failed to approve big purchases for the armed forces;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether files relating to many major purchases like Advanced Jet Trainers (AJT), submarines, etc. were pending with the authorities;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether the delay on decision taking in AJT is forcing trainee pilots to continue with advanced training on MIG-21 aircraft, and

(f) if so, the details including the steps taken to resolve the issue ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES) : (a) and (b) Against an allocation of Rs. 65,000 crores in Budget Estimates 2002-2003, the provision made in Revised Estimates was Rs. 56,000 crores.